

Abstract

Thesis title: The age limit of criminal responsibility and connected matters

Thesis comprehensively deals with the issue of the age limit of criminal responsibility. It describes factors connected to the age limit and factors, which influence the practical impact of the age limit and connected provisions on young offenders.

The first chapter describes the historical evolution of law provisions connected to the age limit of criminal responsibility, focusing on the Czech Republic. It offers an opportunity to track the evolution and changes in the criminal law on young offenders until the end of the 20th century.

The second chapter deals with the international criminal law on young offenders and describes opinion of international organizations on the matter of the age limit of criminal responsibility.

The third chapter is about the four main systems, how the age limit is set in foreign countries. Examples of foreign provisions and explanation of positive and negative aspects can be also found in this chapter.

The fourth chapter describes recent evolution of Czech law on young offenders and description of the system of the age limit in the Czech Republic. It also includes description of groups of children and juveniles and characterizes their position in Czech law.

The fifth chapter concerns forms of punishment of young offenders in the Czech Republic. It describes educational, protective and punitive measures with one example described in detail for each group of measures. This chapter also deals with sanctions for children younger than 15 years and how it differs from sanctions for juveniles.

The sixth chapter offers examples of several forms of sanctions, which are used in foreign countries and which should or should not be applied into Czech law system. The chapter concerns a part about an electronic monitoring system, which is functioning for quite a short time in the Czech Republic, but which is common in some foreign counties for several decades.